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1 March 1955

## INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 1 March 1955

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
\*Presiding

Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
Huntington D. Sheldon  
\*Presiding

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General John M. Willem, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff,  
G-2, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral H. C. Daniel, acting for Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Colonel Robert Totten, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission  
Representative to the IAC  
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Assistant to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

## ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Otto E. Guthe, Central Intelligence Agency  
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency  
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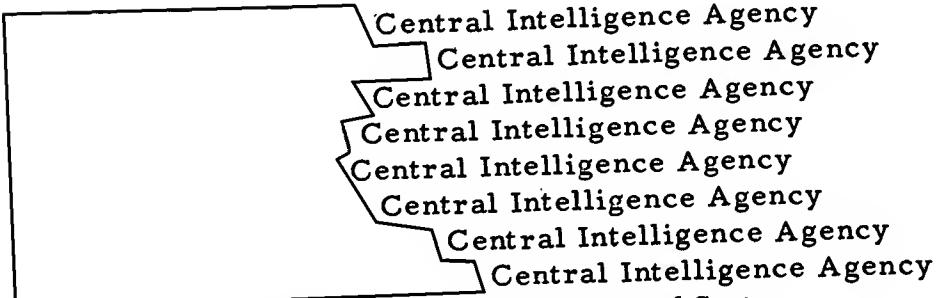
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Mr. Howard E. Furnas, Department of State  
Mr. Richard K. Stuart, Department of State  
Mr. Mose Harvey, Department of State  
Mr. John C. Guthrie, Department of State  
Lieutenant Colonel James G. Martin, Department of the Army  
Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Husman, Department of the Army  
Mr. Y. J. Skalnik, Department of the Army  
Captain B. E. Wiggin, Department of the Navy  
Colonel P. D. Wynne, Jr., United States Air Force  
Major Van A. Woods, Jr., United States Air Force  
Mr. John A. Power, United States Air Force  
Colonel Frank B. James, USAF, The Joint Staff  
Lieutenant Colonel James M. Norwood, USAF, The Joint Staff  
Captain Poyntell C. Stayley, USN, The Joint Staff  
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, Atomic Energy Commission

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1. Approval of Minutes  
23 February 1955 Meeting  
(IAC-M-185)

Approved as written with the exception of item 3 "24-Hour Watch for the Indications Center of the IAC Watch Committee" for which the State member circulated a proposed revision. Consideration of this item was deferred pending study of the proposed text by the members and the return of General Cabell, Chairman of the Watch Committee of the IAC.

2. Semi-Annual Status Report  
for the NSC on the Foreign  
Intelligence Program  
(IAC-D-55/8, 24 February 1955)

Approved as amended.



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4. Proposal for a Survey  
of NIE Use  
(IAC-D-94, 15 February 1955)

Approved. The Chairman welcomed the assistance and participation of the IAC agencies in undertaking the survey. It was agreed that the general line of inquiry and a representative list of persons to be interviewed would be prepared by the Board of National Estimates in consultation with the IAC members, and that the Board would also clear with the appropriate IAC member before making actual contacts in his area of interest. It was generally agreed that the survey would be helpful, and interest was expressed in assisting with its planning and implementation.

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6. Probable Soviet Response  
to the Ratification of the  
Paris Agreements  
 (NIE 11-55)

Approved as amended.

7. Communist Capabilities and  
Intentions with Respect to the  
Offshore Islands, the Pescadores,  
and Taiwan through 1955, and  
Communist and Non-Communist  
Reactions with Respect to the  
Defense of Taiwan  
 (NIE 100-4-55)

Postponement of IAC consideration from 8 March to  
15 March was approved.

Adjournment: 1245

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Secretary

Secretary's Note

1. No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized the release to USIA of SNIE 11-4-55 "Review of Current Communist Attitudes Toward General War"

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2. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next meeting  
of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA, [redacted]

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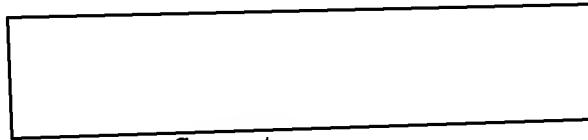
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Revision of IAC-M-185, Item 3

Please substitute the attached text for Item 3 of the minutes of the IAC meeting of 23 February 1955 (IAC-M-185). This revision was approved by the IAC on 15 March 1955 (IAC-M-187, Item 1b).



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3. 24-Hour Watch for the  
Indications Center of the  
IAC Watch Committee  
(IAC-D-6/9, 11 February 1955)

After extended discussion, which revealed considerable differences of opinion regarding the character of and necessity for a 24-hour operation of the Indications Center by permanent staff members, agreement was reached to proceed with the recruitment of up to five additional persons for the purpose of maintaining the temporary 24-hour watch already established. In the discussion it was brought out that the apparent function of the Indications Center is not to supplant or duplicate the existing departmental watch and alert mechanisms nor to relieve the Watch Committee of its responsibility for making evaluations. The Indications Center is not itself expected to notify other than the Watch Committee members. Rather the purpose of the 24-hour operation by the Indications Center is to receive from individual agencies information bearing on indications, and to expedite the collation of this information for use by Watch Committee members whenever required by day or night.

Those participating agencies which find it feasible to make personnel available for this purpose will do so. A final decision on the proposed 24-hour watch was postponed.

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